

REMARKS


In the outstanding Final Official Action, claims 3-6 and 6-9 were deemed to be allowable if placed in independent form, while claims 1-2, 5 and 10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Andreou et al, for the reasons of record. In response, independent claim 1 is herewith amended in order to more precisely define the novel and unobvious features of the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that claim 1, as herewith amended, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference for the reasons detailed below.

More particularly, in response to Applicant's prior arguments, it was suggested that a simple circuit node as shown in the reference can broadly be read as an adder or adder components, since no specific adder components are recited. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is herewith amended in order to more specifically and precisely recite that each adder component comprises a resistor, thus more specifically reciting the structural nature of the adder components and distinguishing over a simple circuit node (which may or may not in fact perform an adder function). As presently amended, claim 1 is similar in scope to allowable claim 3, in which the adder components are recited as comprising a series combination of resistive means. Since the

cited and applied art is admitted to show only a simple circuit node, it is respectfully submitted that the additional recitation that each adder component comprises a resistor provides a clear patentable distinction over the reference.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended to more particularly and precisely recite the distinguishing features of the present invention, are clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference. Accordingly, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the rejection, and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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